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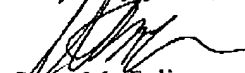
Re: Filing of Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/696,508  
Docket No.: K06-163681M/TBS

Dear Examiner Jeanglaud:

Attached is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 which Applicants respectfully request you enter in the above application.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Shirou NAKANO, et al.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312**

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.